THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) to (e) The Government have decided to close down Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Ltd. including the Barauni unit as the same has not been found techno-economically viable.

Losses in public sector fertilizer units

†1082. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an apprehension of losses in a number of public and private sector chemical fertilizer producing units, due to reduction of subsidy after implementation of the New Fertilizer Policy;

(b) if so, the details in this regard and the estimated annual losses in public sector fertilizer producing units, after implementation of the new policy; and

(c) to what extent the amount of said losses would be more, as compared to the amount of current losses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) to (c) Government is in the process of formulation of new pricing policy for urea units keeping in view the recommendations of Expenditure Reforms Commission for replacing the existing Retention Price Scheme. Government does not expect the urea producing units to incur losses on implementation of new pricing policy. They may incur losses due to their own inefficiencies.

Production of polymers

1083. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FRETILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the production of Polymers in the country during the last three years, State-wise, including Gujarat;

(b) the details of proposals under consideration for development of Polymers for multiple use, State-wise;

(c) the steps taken to identify new areas in public/private sectors where the use of Polymers can play a vital role; and